

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 684

By Beavers

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Amber Gross, 2012
Valedictorian of Smith County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Amber Gross is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2012 graduating class at Smith County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Amber has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Gross has earned an exemplary grade point average; and

WHEREAS, Amber has graciously dedicated her time and energies to numerous scholastic and extracurricular efforts, including serving as a member of the Beta Club, French Club, Science and Math Club, Spanish Club, Interact Club, Art Club, Future Business Leaders of America, and the football cheerleading team; and

WHEREAS, she is actively involved with several volunteer projects through the Rotary and Interact clubs, she serves as a Smith County Soil Conservation Youth Board member, and she is a graduate of Youth Leadership Opportunity of Smith County; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Amber was selected as a delegate for Girls' State, she attended the 2011 Governor's School for International Studies at the University of Memphis, she was voted "Most Likely to Succeed" by her senior class, and she served as her class's Vice President during her freshman and senior years; and

WHEREAS, she is also an active and devout member of Mount Tabor Missionary Baptist Church, which she serves faithfully as a Vacation Bible School teacher; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Gross's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as a student at the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Mark and Bobbie Davis and David and Theresa Gross; her brother, Matthew Davis; her school; and her community; and

WHEREAS, Amber Gross's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2012 Smith County High School Valedictorian, Amber Gross, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.